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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS USIA

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT TALKS

REF: 75 BUDAPEST 3909, 75 BUDAPEST 3654

1. EMBASSY HAS NOT FAILED TO NOTE THAT, APART FROM OCCASIONAL GENTLE COOING SOUNDS (BUDAPEST 3654), GOH HAS NOT REPEAT NOT GIVEN ANY OFFICIAL COMMITMENT ON INFORMATIONAL ISSUES (PARA 13, BUDAPEST 3654) WHICH ARE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO USG.
 2. OUR STRATEGY CONTINUES TO BE (1) TO TRY TO GET A SMOOTH, CLEAN TEXT AGREED OR SEMI-AGREED WITH HUNGARIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE (KKI) AND THEN (2) TO SIMULTANEOUSLY RESOLVE INFORMATIONAL ISSUES WITH FONOFF AT PUJA/NAGY LEVEL, AND (3) NOT TO SIGN EITHER AGREEMENT WITHOUT THE OTHER.
 3. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT MCAULIFFE PRESENTED DRAFT TEXT OF PROPOSED CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT TO DEPFONMIN NAGY ON SEPTEMBER 10 AND THAT LATTER WELCOMED USG'S WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT (BUDAPEST 2956). AFTER TWO ENTIRE MONTHS HAD PASSED, GOH BESTIRRED ITSELF: MFA DESK OFFICER IVAN CONFERRED WITH PAO ON NOVEMBER 12 ABOUT INFORMATION QUESTION
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(BUDAPEST 3654) IN FRIENDLY BUT NONCOMMITTAL WAY; AND

ON NOVEMBER 13 MCAULIFFE MET WITH ROSTA OF KKI IN OPENING SESSION ON CULTURAL EXCHANGES AGREEMENT WHICH DEALT ONLY WITH PRELIMINARIES (BUDAPEST 3675).

4. AT SECOND "NEGOTIATING SESSION" DECEMBER 3 (BUDAPEST 3909) ROSTA FINALLY GOT DOWN TO CASES. BY IMPLICATION ROSTA AND POLGAR AGREED TO USE U.S. PROPOSED TEXT AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. ROSTA DRONED HIS "EIGHT POINTS" (PARA 4, BUDAPEST 3909) INTO THE RECORD. WHEN ROSTA DISCOVERED THAT USG REALLY IS INSISTENT ON SINGLE "UMBRELLA" AGREEMENT, HE IMPLIED THAT GOH COULD ACCEPT THAT PROVIDED SUBSEQUENTLY TWO SEPARATE WORK PLANS WILL BE DEVELOPED IN THE CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AREAS RESPECTIVELY. ROSTA AGREED TO SUBMIT TO EMBASSY DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR LANGUAGE CHANGES IN U.S. DRAFT BY MIDDLE OF JANUARY (PARA 11, BUDAPEST 3909). ROSTA ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE FOR ANOTHER NEGOTIATING SESSION DURING FIRST HALF OF JANUARY. POLGAR OF KKI ADVISED PAO JANUARY 6 THAT KKI INTENDS TO MEET THAT SCHEDULE.

5. IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE 298778, MCAULIFFE INTENDS SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN PUJA EARLY ON THIS MONTH. AT THAT MEETING HE PLANS TELL PUJA THAT SETTLEMENT OF INFORMATION QUESTION, EVEN IF CARRIED ON THROUGH SEPARATE CHANNELS FROM CULTURAL AGREEMENT, MUST REPEAT MUST PROCEED SIMULTANEOUSLY. HE ALSO PLANS TO LEAVE WITH PUJA FOR STUDY AND ANALYSIS TEXT OF PROPOSED LETTER ON INFORMATION ISSUE TO WHICH USG HOPES GOH WILL RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY. MCAULIFFE WILL SAY THAT EMBASSY IS UNDER EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS TO EFFECT EXCHANGE OF NOTES (OR LETTERS) WITH GOH WITH SUCH CONTENTS. USG HAS NO INTENTION TO PUBLICIZE TEXTS OF SUCH NOTES OR LETTERS, BUT IT HAS NO INTENTION TO CLASSIFY THEM EITHER.

6. TEXT OF PROPOSED U.S. NOTE/LETTER FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PROPOSES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC THAT IT GIVE A FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO THE AMERICAN NOTE OF FEBRUARY 5, 1969 WHICH CALLED CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR THE JOINT RESCINDING OF THE UNITED STATES NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 15, 1955 AND THE REPLY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC TO IT, BOTH OF WHICH RESTRICTED INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REMINDS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC THAT ALL RESTRICTIONS ON INFORMATION ACTIVITIES BY THE HUNGARIAN EMBASSY IN

WASHINGTON WERE UNILATERALLY LIFTED IN 1970, WITH THE ANTICIPATION THAT A RECIPROCAL RESPONSE FROM THE HUNGARIAN SIDE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY THEREAFTER. AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE FORM FOR RESOLVING THIS QUESTION.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FURTHER PROPOSES THAT AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS SHOULD INCLUDE THE PARAGRAPH ON INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE PRESENT DRAFT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON A PROPOSED CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1975, AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I, PARAGRAPH 2:

"EACH PARTY WILL ALSO PERMIT AND FACILITATE BY ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS:

- A. PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION OF CULTURAL, INFORMATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC MATERIALS DESIGNED TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PEOPLES AND CULTURES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES; AND
- B. ACCESS TO LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, CULTURAL CENTERS, READING ROOMS AND ARCHIVES."

BY PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION OF CULTURAL, INFORMATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC MATERIALS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS IN MIND THE DISTRIBUTION OF, WITHOUT COST TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO REQUEST IT, COPIES OF HUNGARIAN AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAGAZINES AND PUBLICATIONS, SUCH AS: USA - HUNGARIAN, DIALOGUE, HORIZONS USA, ENGLISH TEACHING FORUM, VOA SCHEDULES, ECONOMIC IMPACT, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS FALLING WITHIN THE CATEGORIES MENTIONED ABOVE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ALSO PROPOSES THAT 10,000 COPIES OF THE HUNGARIAN LANGUAGE USA MAGAZINE BE PLACED ON SALE TO THE PUBLIC

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AT DESIGNATED MAJOR PUBLIC NEWSSTANDS IN THE CITIES OF BUDAPEST, MISKOLC, PECS, SZEGED, GYOR, AND DEBRECEN.
END QUOTE.

7. IF AS APPEARS LIKELY FONOFF WILLING TO AGREE TO ALL ASPECTS OF PROPOSED NOTE/LETTER EXCHANGE EXCEPT REPEAT EXCEPT PUBLIC SALE OF USA MAGAZINE AT HUNGARIAN NEWSSTANDS, EMBASSY WILL SEEK FURTHER POLICY GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INSTRUCT AND/OR COMMENT.
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